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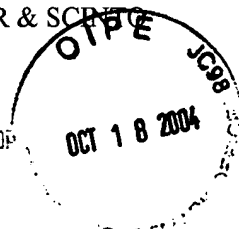
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| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
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TITLE OF INVENTION: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS FOR PERMITTING IMAGE FORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH IMAGE ATTRIBUTE, AND CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR

| APPLN. TYPE | SMALL ENTITY | ISSUE FEE | PUBLICATION FEE | TOTAL FEE(S) DUE | DATE DUE |
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| nonprovisional | NO | \$1330 | \$0 | \$1330 | 12/27/2004 |

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| EVANS, ARTHUR G | 2622 | 358-001900 |

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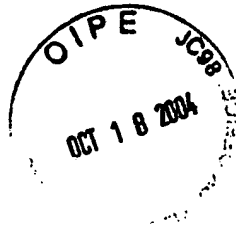
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PATENT APPLICATION

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REQUEST TO APPLY PREVIOUSLY-MADE
ISSUE FEE PAYMENT TO NEW ISSUE FEE PAYMENT

Sir:

Applicant, having received a Notice of Allowance mailed September 27, 2004, in the above-identified application, hereby requests that a previously-made issue fee payment be applied to the current issue fee payment.

Facts

1. On August 6, 2003, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) mailed a first Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due and a first Notice of Allowability in the subject application.

2. On September 11, 2003, a check in the amount of \$1,615 dollars was submitted to pay the issue fee (\$1,300), the publication fee (\$300), and for five soft copies of the issued patent (\$15). A copy of the stamped post-card evidencing submission of this check is appended as Exhibit A.

3. On February 11, 2004, the USPTO mailed an Office communication advising that the subject application had been withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee due to unpatentability of one or more claims. A copy of the Office communication is appended as Exhibit B.

4. On September 27, 2004, after further prosecution on the merits, a new Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, together with a new Notice of Allowability, were mailed in the subject application.

5. The new Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due notes that an Issue Fee of \$1330 is due to be paid. Applicant acknowledges that, because of recent rule changes, the Issue Fee is now \$1370.

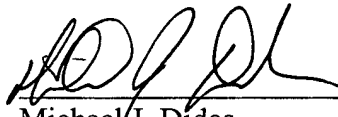
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1. Applicant hereby requests that the \$1300 paid on September 11, 2003, be applied to the current Issue Fee, and thus submits that only \$70 is now due. A check for \$70 is enclosed. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any

deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in connection with payment of the Issue Fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

2. Applicant also requests that the previously paid \$15, for five soft copies of the issued patent, be applied to the current fees, and thus submits that no fee is now due for the five soft copies. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or debit any overpayment, in connection with the cost for the soft copies, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone in our Washington, D.C. office at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be addressed to our below listed address.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. J. Didas', is written over a horizontal line.

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